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1. SUMMARY. AGRICULTURAL CREMONA PROVINCE REMAINS QUIET
ECONOMICALLY PROSPEROUS PLACE WHERE THREE MAIN PARTIES PUT
EMPHASIS ON GETTING ALONG TOGETHER. WITHOUT GOING SO
FAR AS TO ADVOCATE HISTORIC COMPROMISE, CREMONA DC SEEMS
TO AGREE WITH PCI AND PSI THAT COOPERATION IS RIGHT
APPROACH IN ROME, TOO. END SUMMARY.

2. WHEN CREMONANS TALK ABOUT TROUBLES, THEY ARE GENERALLY
TALKING ABOUT OTHER PEOPLES'. THAT WAS CONSENSUS OF
DOZEN OR SO LEADING CREMONA FIGURES WITH WHOM WE SPOKE
JANUARY 13. THEIR PROVINCE HAS YET TO EXPERIENCE ITS
FIRST KIDNAPPING, AND OTHER SERIOUS CRIME IS RARE.
JOBS ARE NOT OVERLY SCARCE. FARMS, IN FACT, ARE SEEK-
ING SPECIALIZED WORKERS. AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, WHICH IS
LIONS' SHARE OF LOCAL ECONOMY, DOING ESPECIALLY WELL,
PARTICULARLY DAIRY PRODUCTION. NO ONE, AS SOCIALIST
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MAYOR PUT IT IN SMILING, UNDERSTATEMENT, IS STARVING.

3. WHEN TALK TURNS TO NATIONAL SCENE, HOWEVER, PEOPLE
SEE MORE TO BE WORRIED ABOUT. LIKE PUBLIC ORDER.
THEY FIND CURRENT WAVE OF KIDNAPPINGS ALARMING, ESPECIALLY
SINCE GOVERNMENT APPEARS HELPLESS TO CATCH AND PROSECUTE
GUILTY. PREFECT EVEN SAID HE FELT POLICE SOMETIMES KNEW

WHO ROBBERS AND OTHER CRIMINALS WERE BUT FEARED RETALIATION IF THEY DID THEIR DUTY. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE DEATH PENALTY FOR MOST SERIOUS CRIMES, AND OTHERS AGREED ITALIAN SENTENCES - WHEN ANYONE IS CAUGHT - ARE MUCH TOO LIGHT.

4. ON ECONOMIC FRONT, OUR INTERLOCUTORS AGREED THAT SUCH THINGS AS MORE RESPONSIBLE UNION BEHAVIOR, SOME REENTRY OF CAPITAL, AND RELATIVELY GOOD SHOWING OF LIRA WERE SIGNS FOR SOME OPTIMISM. STICKING POINT WAS HOW TO GET UNIONS TO REDUCE COST OF LABOR. PSI PROVINCIAL SECRETARY AGREED THAT THAT - AND NOT JUST BETTER TAX COLLECTION, AS SOME SOCIALISTS LIKE TO CLAIM - WAS WHAT WAS NEEDED, BUT SAW CHANCES OF UNION COLLABORATION SLIM UNLESS PCI TAKEN INTO GOVERNMENT. DC SECRETARY, ON OTHER HAND, FELT UNIONS WOULD COME AROUND O SUBSTANCE EVEN AS THEY CONTINUED TO TALK TOUGH IN PUBLIC.

5. ANDREOTTI GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE MET WITH GENERAL APPROVAL IN CREMONA AND WAS SEEN AS SIGN THAT DC TAKING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES SERIOUSLY. BISHOP, WHO YEAR AGO HAD BEEN PESSIMISTIC ON CHANCES FOR DC RENEWAL, AGREED WITH OTHERS THAT PARTY WAS CHANGING FOR BETTER. EVEN SOCIALISTS FOUND PRESENT GOVERNMENT HARD TO CRITICIZE, THOUGH THEY CARPED THAT ANDREOTTI NOT TACKLING COUNTRY'S "FUNDAMENTAL" PROBLEMS BUT MERELY PATCHING UP THINGS ON AD HOC BASIS.

6. CREMONA DC, IN OPPOSITION SINCE JUNE 1975 ALTHOUGH PLURALITY PARTY IN PROVINCE, GETS ALONG SO WELL WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEFTIST CITY AND PROVINCIAL GIUNTAS THAT ONE INDUSTRIALIST FIGURED PARTIES HAD MADE INFORMAL TRUCE. DC PARTY OFFICIALS AND OTHER SUPPORTERS SPOKE WELL OF LOCAL COMMUNISTS, LESS WELL OF SOCIALISTS. THEY WOULD DEAL WITH FORMER RATHER THAN LATTER IF THERE WERE CHOICE. CALLED "PROGRESSIVE" AND "ZACCAGNINI" MORO-ORIENTED," CREMONA DC HAS NO HARDLINE, DE CAROLIS-TYPE WING. NEWLY-ELECTED DC PROVINCIAL SECRETARY RICCARDO PICCIONI - WELL WELL-SPOKEN, FORTYISH, AND PROTEGE' OF DC SENATOR VINCENZO VERNASCHI, GROUP LEADER FOR ITALIAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS IN EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT - BELIEVED THIS WAS NOT TIME TO RISK NATIONAL ELECTIONS, SINCE NO ONE KNEW WHAT POST-ANDREOTTI REGIME WOULD LOOK LIKE.

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7. CREMONA PSI, LIKE PARTY ELSEWHERE, DID POORLY IN
LAST ELECTIONS. PARTY IS STUCK PLAYING SECOND FIDDLE
TO COMMUNISTS, WHO, AFTER HAVING GIVEN SOCIALISTS DIS-
PROPORTIONATELY HIGH NUMBER OF SEATS ON CITY AND
PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVES (GIUNTAS), CONTINUE TO MAKE MOST
DECISIONS THEMSELVES. PSI MAYOR-FOR-ALL-SEASONS (HE
WAS ALSO MAYOR DURING PRE-1975 CENTE-LEFT ADMINISTRATION)
SAID PCI HAS STILL NOT COMPLETELY SHED ITS LINKS WITH
SOVIETS AND CONFESSED HE WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE COMMUNISTS
PERMANENTLY IN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT. BUT NEITHER DO
SOCIALISTS SEEM TEMPTED - EVEN APART FROM CONSTRAINTS
OF NATIONAL PSI POLICY - TO SWITCH BACK TO DC. RELATIONS
BETWEEN TWO PARTIES ARE STRAINED, THOUGH PSI SECRETARY
RENZO ZAFFANELLA SAID HE EXPECTED THEM TO IMPROVE NOW
THAT NEW DC PROVINCIAL SECRETARY HAS BEEN ELECTED.
PSI SECRETARY IS HIMSELF NEW AT JOB THOUGH HE WAS
TWO-TIME DEPTY (IN 1960'S) AND HAS LOOK OF OLD WAR
HORSE. HE CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN IDEALISTIC SUPPORTER
OF OPENING TO LEFT WHO, HAVING BEEN DISAPPOINTED AT
OUTCOME, WOULD LOOK WARILY ON ANY RESUMPTION.

8. AMOCO OIL REFINERY, EMPLOYER OF 300 AND ONE OF
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PROVINCE'S FEW INDUSTRIES, IS DOING AS WELL AS OIL
COMPANY CAN DO IN ITALY THESE DAYS - EXCEPT FOR

SKIRMISHES WITH CITY AUTHORITIES OVER ZONING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS. AMOCO DIRECTOR CLAIMS PCI-ELECTED INDEPENDENT ALDERMAN FOR URBAN AFFAIRS IS ANTI-INDUSTRY AND HAS IT IN FOR AMOCO. INTERESTINGLY, HE FEELS LOCAL MAN'S ATTITUDE COMPLETELY ATYPICAL AND THAT PCI NATIONAL POLICY IS VERY PRAGMATIC AND FAVORABLE TO BUSINESS. DESPITE THIS IRRITANT, AMOCO APPEARS WELL-ACCEPTED IN CREMONA - AT LEAST FOR PRESENT - AND MERCIFULLY FREE OF LABOR AND OTHER SERIOUS PROBLEMS.

9. IN SUM, CREMONA IS PROVINCE WHERE PCI IS COURTING DC (WHICH IS NORMAL) AND DC FINDS ITSELF FAIRLY IMPRESSED WITH COMMUNIST PERFORMANCE (LESS NORMAL BUT NOT UNHEARD OF) WHILE PSI IS INCREASINGLY OUT IN COLD (NORMAL AGAIN). ONE HAS IMPRESSION THAT, ALTHOUGH LOCAL DC WILL FAITHFULLY REFRAIN FROM COLLABORATING WITH COMMUNISTS AS LONG AS DC NATIONAL POLICY TELLS ITS NOT TO, NEITHER WOULD LOCAL PARTY HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTY ADAPTING WERE THAT POLICY TO CHANGE.FINA

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